

The following Listing of Claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A stent-catheter arrangement (4) comprising:
[[-]] a catheter (2) including an expandable balloon (3) having a first end with a first fully expandable section, a second end with a second fully expandable section and a section of reduced expandability in comparison with said first and second fully expandable sections, said section of reduced expandability being provided between said first and second ends; and
[[-]] a stent (4) ~~which can be placed~~ disposed on said expandable balloon (3),
characterized in
[[-]] ~~that said stent (4) is provided with~~ including a liquid impermeable cover (10),
and
[[-]] ~~that said balloon (3) has provided between the ends thereof a section (5) of reduced expandability in comparison with fully expandable sections (11, 12) said stent being dimensioned and configured to extend over said section of reduced expandability and portions of said first and second fully expandable sections.~~

2. (Currently amended) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 1,
characterized in that wherein
said cover is a foil or a coating.

3. (Amended) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 2,
characterized in that wherein
said foil or said coating is made from body-tolerated material.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

8. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 2, wherein

said foil or said coating consists of biological material, of polymer material, of metallic material, ceramic material or elastomer material.

9. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 3, wherein said foil or said coating consists of biological material, of polymer material, of metallic material, ceramic material or elastomer material.

10. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is formed of stiffened balloon material.

11. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 2, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is formed of stiffened balloon material.

12. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 3, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is formed of stiffened balloon material.

13. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is formed by a stiffening element applied to expandable material of said balloon.

14. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 2, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is formed by a stiffening element applied to expandable material of said balloon.

15. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 3, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is formed by a stiffening element applied to expandable material of said balloon.

16. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 1, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is produced by reducing the expandability of balloon material from said section during balloon production.

17. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 2, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is produced by reducing the expandability of balloon material from said section during balloon production.

18. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 3, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is produced by reducing the expandability of balloon material from said section during balloon production.

19. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 8, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is produced by reducing the expandability of balloon material from said section during balloon production.

20. (New) The stent-catheter arrangement according to claim 9, wherein said section of said balloon of said reduced expandability is produced by reducing the expandability of balloon material from said section during balloon production.